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## "CO-OPERATION DOOMED IF DEMOCRACY VANQUISHED"

### WORK BEGINS ON EMPIRE SCHEME OF AIR TRAINING

Project Already Under Way With  
Advance Parties in Field  
in Canada

#### FULL AGREEMENT

Canada Will Also Make Big Con-  
tribution to War Shipbuilding  
Program

By MORRIS McDOUGALL  
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Nov. 29th.—At any moment now simultaneous announcements are expected from four capitals on the great Empire air training scheme. Full agreement on all points has been reached by the missions at Ottawa and nothing remains but the formality of approval by the various Governments.

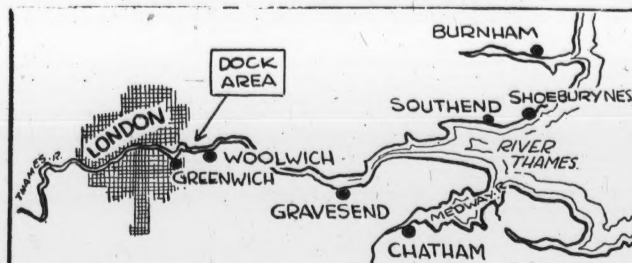
Naturally the terms of the agreement are in the meantime closely guarded.

#### Project Actually Started

Actually, however, the project has already started. Parties sent out by the Transport Department are already in the field, selecting and surveying sites for training camps. Many Trans-Canada Airways fields across Canada will be used in the training scheme, although additions and alterations to equipment and facilities will be necessary.

It is believed certain that the Agreement will provide that the civil air branch of the Transport Department, aided by the R.C.A.F., will be entrusted with the task of choosing fields and surveying and putting them in order by draining, levelling, etc.

### Menace Thames Shipping



The 8,859-ton Dutch freighter *Spaardam* was the first victim of the mines dropped by German planes in the Thames estuary. These mines may create a dangerous situation for shipping to and from the great London and Tilbury docks (on the north shore, east of Gravesend) and for the Chatham naval dockyards. It is confidently expected the menace will soon be overcome.

#### Distribution of Cost

It is also believed that in the matter of distribution of cost, Canada will assume primary costs of getting fields in shape and constructing air-dromes and barracks, while Britain will defray much of the cost of acquiring training aircraft and some other equipment. Australia and New Zealand are likely to make their contributions to the expenses by paying so much per man for those of their airmen receiving advanced air training in Canada.

Planes for training are likely to be bought from the United States and to some extent from Canadian factories. Perhaps some will be shipped from Britain to Canada. In any event, Canadian factories are now certain to receive large orders for training planes or line aircraft and perhaps for both. During the past year the Canadian factories have widely expanded their manufacturing facilities, and are now well equipped to fill orders.

#### Shipbuilding Program

Canada is also expected to provide various types of ships as well as aircraft. The shipping yards of Canada will construct thirty submarine

chasers. Tenders for these boats of steel, steam driven and about 100 feet long, aggregating twelve million dollars, have already been issued and building of eight other smaller motor salvage boats is also planned. Now word is expected shortly of orders for the construction in Canada of freighters. Negotiations are said to be proceeding.

France has officially recognised the Czecho-Slovakian national committee, which includes former president Benes.

Senator Nye of the U.S. recently suggested that neutrality legislation would probably be further modified to allow of sales to the Allies on a credit basis.

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### WHEAT POOL B'D DEFINE ISSUE IN PRESENT CONFLICT

While Fighting for Political Liberty,  
Must Build Up Economic  
Security

#### SESSIONS OPEN

Annual Gathering of Delegates  
in Calgary Discusses Reports  
on Operations

Closing their report to the Annual Convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary this week, the Board of Directors declared:

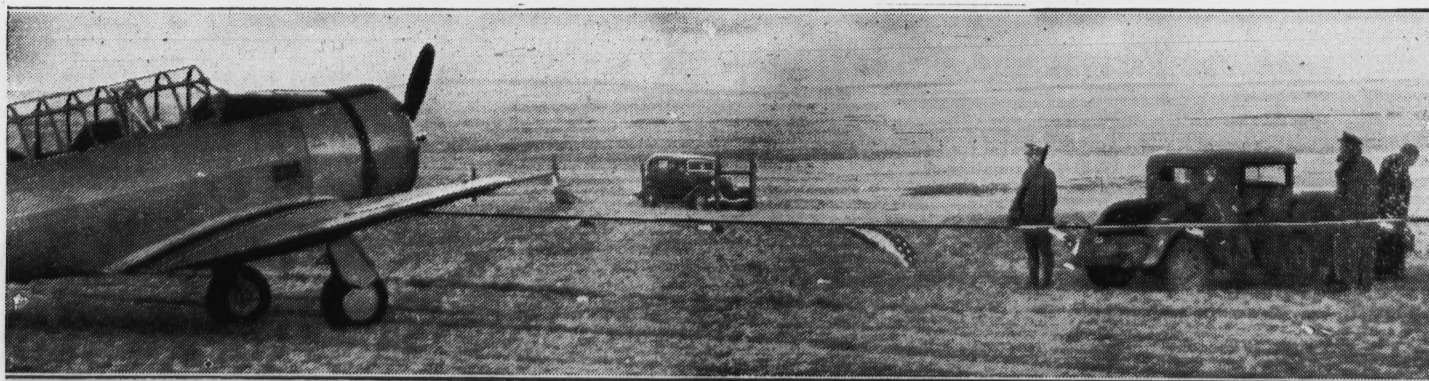
"Our country is now engaged in what may be a death struggle between the forces of democracy and the forces of dictatorship. If democracy is vanquished, then co-operation is doomed. The existence of our mature political democracy and our new-born economic democracy, co-operation, is at stake. While we fight with all the resources at our command to maintain our political liberty, let us with the same zeal nourish and build up through co-operative action our economic security and thus make the proper contribution to the stability of our nation, both during and after the war."

The report deals in detail with the operations of the past year. Committees have been appointed and discussions are proceeding as this issue goes to press.

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 29th.—A reply to the Russian denunciation of the 1932 pact was sent to Moscow today.

A Moscow report states that diplomatic relations with Finland have been broken off.

### Warplanes for Allies Commence to Roll Across Alberta Border



As the war proceeds, hundreds of fighting and bombing planes for training purposes and for use by the Allied forces overseas will be hauled across the international boundary from near Sweetgrass, Montana, to near Coutts, Alberta, in the manner shown above and then flown east or west as required. The movement is already developing on a substantial scale. As the U.S.

neutrality legislation prohibits United States pilots flying the planes across to Canada (a belligerent nation) to deliver warplanes, and also prohibits Canadian pilots from flying them across the boundary from U.S. factories, the planes taxi to within a few feet of the line, where the pilots cut out the motors and climb out. Representatives of the Allied Governments take formal title to

the planes, tow ropes are attached, and they are hauled across, down slightly inclining ground, and the new pilots take over and soar into the air. The picture shows one of a flock of five single-motored pursuit planes as it was pulled over the boundary from Sweetgrass. Now dozens of towns along the border are planning to build "push-or-pull" airports.

## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



# Instructions for Dry-Picking Turkeys

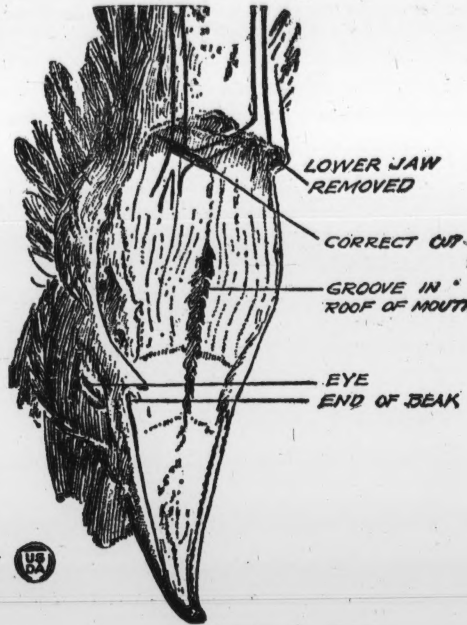
**KNIFE**—We recommend a narrow blade with a good point. A small kitchen knife can be ground down to answer the purpose if it is made of good material.

**BLEEDING**—Hang the bird by the feet—breast toward you. With the left hand grasp the head of the bird with the top of head resting in palm of hand. Let the thumb and forefinger come around the head applying pressure at base of jaw and this will cause mouth of bird to open and make insertion of knife easy. Study the diagram shown at right and you will see the position of veins in the neck. It is necessary to cut one or both of these veins either cross or angular. (Do not make straight cut toward end of beak). These veins lie just at the base of the skull and when properly cut bird will bleed freely. Cutting too far back will cause clots to form in neck. Cutting too far forward without striking the vein will not enable you to get proper bleeding.

**BRAINING**—Immediately after bleeding it is necessary to pierce the brain of the bird to cause feather muscles to relax so feathers can be removed without tearing the skin. To brain a bird insert the knife in the centre of the groove in the mouth. Point the blade toward the top of the head. Press on the knife until the point enters brain cavity causing bird to shudder. Care should be taken in this operation.

Proper braining consists of piercing the brain so that the bird is only paralyzed and feathers can then be removed without difficulty. If you kill the bird when braining this will cause feathers to "set" so they cannot be removed easily or without tearing the skin.

**REMOVING FEATHERS**—After a bird has been bled and brained, start picking by removing the large tail feathers with a twist and then pull the large feathers from the wings. Birds that are allowed to become cold will be very difficult to pick. In removing feathers do not pull against the grain of the skin. Remove all feathers including wing and tail feathers, and all pin feathers that detract from the appearance of the bird. A good turkey that is not picked clean either has to be cleaned before it is graded or it has to be put in a lower grade because it is not properly picked. When the turkey has been properly picked, give the bird a swinging jerk to remove blood from the mouth. It is important to keep birds clean and the vent should be emptied by squeezing.



**COOLING**—Birds should be chilled for twenty-four hours before packing and the temperature of the room in which they are chilled should be around 32 to 35 degrees. Do not pile birds while being cooled. Keep them spread out so air can get around them. Birds should not be allowed to freeze as they have to be thawed before they can be packed for the market, and this not only hurts the appearance of the bird, but a bird that has been frozen and thawed will, in many cases, not hold up long enough to reach the market in good condition.

**PACKING**—When birds have been properly chilled, wrap heads in clean paper and pack in clean boxes or barrels after these empty packages have been lined with paper. Not more than 150 lbs. of poultry should be packed in one box or barrel.

## DON'TS

Don't scald your turkeys.  
Don't remove head, feet, or entrails.  
Don't dress birds while there is any feed in the crops.

Don't dress and ship extremely small, thin and immature birds. It will pay you to keep this class of poultry on the farm and feed it well and market same when it is in good condition as compared with accepting a low price on under-grade stock.

Don't tie birds with string.  
Don't ship poultry by local freight as it will freeze in cold weather and spoil in mild weather.

We solicit your shipments of Dressed Turkeys, Ducks, and Geese (and your shipments of Live Chickens and Fowl). Save transportation by shipping to our nearest branch.

Butter is one of the most necessary protective foods, and indispensable in war time for the feeding of fighting troops.—*Vancouver Daily Province*.

Father: "Now aren't you glad you prayed for a little sister?"

Small boy (after viewing twin sisters): "We-ell, yes, Daddy, but aren't you glad I stopped when I did?"

Items on Packing Turkeys, etc., page 13.

## Our 1939 Dressed Poultry Market Prospects

By ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE,  
General Manager C.A.D.P.

Earlier we gave you some stock figures on storage holdings of Dressed Poultry which included Turkeys, Chickens, Fowl, Ducks, Geese, etc. At that time holdings of Turkeys were lower than at the same time in previous year, by 600,000 lbs., but in the other classes there were some increases. Here are the latest figures as at November 1st, 1939, and compared with same time in 1938:

### DRESSED POULTRY

Stocks in cold storage, killing plants and Dairy Factories in Canada with comparative figures for November 1st, 1938, to October 1st, 1939.

#### CHICKENS

|            | Nov. 1, 1938 | Nov. 1, 1939 | Oct. 1, 1939 |
|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| All Canada | Lbs.         | Lbs.         | Lbs.         |
| Stocks     | 1,502,447    | 2,041,473    | 1,006,721    |

#### FOWL

|   |         |           |         |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|
| " | 884,161 | 1,454,838 | 951,197 |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|

#### DUCKS

|   |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| " | 250,233 | 273,355 | 273,922 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|

#### GEESE

|   |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| " | 11,204 | 31,067 | 39,004 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|

#### BROILERS

|   |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| " | 171,957 | 269,477 | 297,251 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|

#### TURKEYS

|   |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| " | 535,225 | 233,983 | 584,176 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|

#### UNCLASSIFIED

|   |        |         |         |
|---|--------|---------|---------|
| " | 77,291 | 258,658 | 126,396 |
|---|--------|---------|---------|

#### TOTALS

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| " | 3,432,518 | 4,562,851 | 3,278,667 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|

You will notice that we have on November 1st, 1939, an increase of holdings of 1,130,330 lbs. or approximately 33 per cent of an increase over November 1st, 1938.

Since the date of our last article on possible future of Dressed Poultry prices the authorities in Canada and Overseas as a matter of national emergency found it necessary to classify Dressed Poultry as a "Luxury" and it therefore does not command the same preference as some other foods on space for Old Country shipping. At the present time, therefore, no exporting of any account can be undertaken. This feature has created an unsatisfactory feeling concerning the immediate future of our Poultry prices. Notwithstanding this condition there should be a fair market for your Dressed Turkeys if marketed by December 15th and as circumstances can change very rapidly the prices of other classes of Poultry should hold at least steady.

Your Pool will do its best to maintain steady prices for your farm flocks as they move to market. One thing we are sure and it is that the better grades will move into consumption more freely than improperly fatted and finished birds. Make sure your birds come to market well fatted and correctly and properly dressed.

## The Central Alberta Dairy Pool

### BUYING DATES DRESSED TURKEYS

in DECEMBER, 1939

#### ALIX AND DISTRICT

| Place       | Representatives         | Dates                |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Alix        | Creamery                | 4th to 16th          |
| Delburne    | Co-op. Store            | 4th and 11th         |
| Three Hills | Three Hills Meat Market | 6th and 13th         |
| Trochu      | Trochu Meat Market      | 5th and 12th         |
| Stettler    | Lincoln & Spice         | 5-7-8-9-12-14 and 16 |
| Big Valley  | Fred Law                | 8th to 15th          |
| Rumsey      | Fred Law                | 5th and 12th         |
| Byemoor     | Byemoor Meat Market     | 7th and 14th         |
| Endiang     | Red & White Store       | 6th and 13th         |
| Veteran     | W. R. Armstrong         | 7th and 14th         |
| Consort     | W. A. Isaac             | 8th and 15th         |
| Coronation  | J. Anderson             | 8th to 15th          |
| Castor      | L. L. Compton           | 8th to 15th          |
| Gadsby      | T. Gravely              | 8th to 15th          |
| Lacombe     | Brown & Todd            | 9th and 15th         |

#### BOWDEN AND DISTRICT

|           |                |               |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Bowden    | Creamery       | 8th to 15th   |
| Carstairs | R. Sterling    | 8th and 14th  |
| Olds      | A. Boyce       | 9th and 15th  |
| Didsbury  | A. R. Kendrick | 11th and 16th |
| Innisfail | A. C. Wright   | 8th to 16th   |

#### RED DEER AND DISTRICT

|                 |                    |               |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Red Deer        | Condensery         | 8th to 16th   |
| Eckville        | Med. Valley Co-op. | 11th and 15th |
| Benalto         | Med. Valley Co-op. | 9th           |
| Withrow         | Med. Valley Co-op. | 13th          |
| Leslieville     | Med. Valley Co-op. | 14th          |
| Sylvan Lake     | Med. Valley Co-op. | 16th          |
| Alhambra        | F. G. Patterson    | 14th          |
| Bentley         |                    | 15th          |
| Rocky Mt. House |                    | 13th          |

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# • Alberta Wheat Pool Has Good Year •

Net operating earnings of Alberta Pool Elevators for the crop year ending July 31st, 1939, were \$1,252,720.64. After allowing \$519,405.17 for depreciation of property and paying \$225,258.34 interest on indebtedness to the Alberta Government, the surplus was \$508,057.13. This was transferred to accumulated earnings.

The above information was given to the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates' Convention, which assembled in Calgary on November 28th. It was stated that the year under review was the second best in the history of the Pool elevator system, being exceeded only in 1928 when the Alberta wheat crop was 170 million bushels as compared with 143 million in 1938.

## Grain Handlings

A total of 44,505,923 bushels of grain were handled by the Pool elevator system in the 1938-39 crop year. Only five of the 426 country houses owned by the Pool

were closed during the season. The organization operated its own five million bushel terminal at Vancouver, and also leased a Federal Government terminal at that port. During the year a terminal, with a capacity of two million bushels, located at Port Arthur, was purchased. Alberta Pool Elevators now have ample terminal space both east and west.

## Substantial Recovery

Nine years have now passed since the western Wheat Pools received a stunning financial blow with the collapse of the wheat market in 1929-30. The initial Pool price paid to the membership that year was \$1.00 a bushel, and when the deliveries were finally sold only 85c a bushel was realized. The three Provincial Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta gave their bonds to cover the losses and in turn each Government took bonds from its own provincial Pool.

The Alberta Wheat Pool's share of the debt was approximately \$5,600,000. It undertook to pay this off through the operation of its elevator system. At that time it also owed \$1,750,000 on its terminal at Vancouver.

As a result of the operations of Alberta Pool Elevators since 1931 the following payments have been made in connection with the indebtedness to the Province of Alberta and on the Vancouver terminal:

## Payments to Alberta Government on 1929-30 Overpayment

Interest.....\$2,040,000  
Principal.....1,390,500

\$3,430,500

## Payments to Banks on Vancouver Terminal

Interest.....\$ 320,000  
Principal.....1,750,000

\$2,070,000

Total payments on above.....\$5,500,500

## Net Free Assets

The Alberta Wheat Pool's finan-

cial statement showed that net liquid assets on July 31st, 1939, totalled \$3,917,772.50. The net free assets, representing the equity of the farmer members, totalled \$4,693,793.54.

A feature of the Directors' report was the announcement that the Alberta Pool is participating in the formation of a new company called Pool Insurance, Limited, which was incorporated on May 29th, 1939, with an authorized capital of \$500,000. The company is owned jointly by the three Provincial Pools of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The extensive patronage given Alberta Pool Elevators by many thousands of Alberta grain producers over the past eight years has resulted in the organization making satisfactory progress in re-establishing itself financially. Each passing year sees Alberta Pool Elevators in better shape to render excellent service to the farm people and to advance the cause of Alberta agriculture.

## The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,  
K.C., LL.D.

## Answers to Enquiries

**Remuneration of Executor Subscriber.**—An Executor named in a Will should, upon the death of the Testator, apply at once to the Court for Probate of the Will. He is entitled to assume management of the estate from the death of the Testator but must be appointed by the Court under Letters Probate to enable him to legally carry out the terms of the Will. Unless the beneficiaries consent to the division of the Estate and the

payment of the Executor he must submit his accounts to the Court and the Court will fix his remuneration. There is no definite law as to the amount of the remuneration but it rests in the discretion of the Judge. It is not necessary to engage a solicitor under a retainer but a solicitor should be engaged to put through Letters Probate and to advise with respect to the winding up of the estate. The solicitor's fees are subject to taxation by the Clerk of the Court. The Rules of Court fix certain fees which a solicitor can charge for certain services but the total amount of his fees must necessarily depend upon the amount of work which he is called upon to do and this in turn depends upon the terms of the Will and the nature of the estate.

## Within Legal Rights

**W.B.**—The Company was quite within its legal rights in commencing action against you and would no doubt be allowed legal costs by the Court. I cannot therefore see any way in which you can avoid paying same. If the Company intends to proceed with its action you will no doubt receive notice so that you can appear before the Judge and ask for a further extension of time.

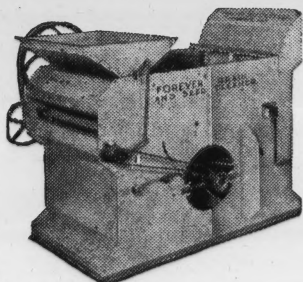
## Penalty for Bigamy

**M.M.**—If two parties get married, one of whom is already married with a wife or husband still living, the offence of bigamy is committed by one or both of them, for example if the husband was already married and the second wife knew this at the time of marriage she might be equally guilty of bigamy with her husband. There are certain exceptions to this rule such as if a proper divorce had previously been obtained or if the party marrying the second time in good faith and on reasonable grounds believed the husband or wife to be dead or if the person could prove that the first husband or wife had been continuously absent for seven years and they did not know whether such first husband or wife was alive. Unless the person or persons mentioned, in your letter can come within these exceptions then they would be guilty of bigamy which is a serious offence with penalty up to seven years' imprisonment. Any person may lay the charge.

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## COST OF PRODUCTION

In one of his recent addresses, Robert Gardiner, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, quoted words used by the Minister who introduced Canada's war budget, during the special war session of Parliament. Referring to the plans for production of war supplies of all kinds by Canadian manufacturers, the Minister stated:

"We must be able to hold out to business men the opportunity of making a reasonable profit and also the chance of securing some compensation for exceptional efficiency and willingness to take risks inherent in industrial enterprise in wartime."

That is the attitude of the Government towards wartime manufacturing; but the basic industry of the Dominion—Agriculture—was obviously not in the Minister's mind when he spoke.

Agriculture has been carrying on at a loss for a period of years. There has been no question of a "reasonable profit," though the industry has been taking larger risks than any other.

The times are difficult; and political considerations and strategic considerations must inevitably affect the policies of governments engaged in the critical operations of a great war. But we suggest that the Government of Canada, in the interest of the Dominion and its wartime efficiency, is under a distinct obligation to see to it that the primary industry shall be maintained on such a basis that average costs of production shall be assured.

Agriculture seeks no special privileges. Those who are engaged in it are as anxious as any class of citizens to make their contribution to the national effort.

All that is asked—and it is a modest proposal—is that this industry shall be enabled to maintain itself upon such a basis as will make effective production possible, and provide a reasonable living for the producers.

It seeks "parity of prices" between farm production and manufactured goods. That is an objective towards the attainment of which all primary producers should join forces.

## ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

Reports presented at the Annual Convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool this week indicate that the season which ended last July was the second

best in the history of the elevator system. The best year was 1928, when the wheat crop was much larger than last year's.

The Pool has made remarkable recovery since it sustained the heavy financial reverse in the wake of the collapse of the wheat market when the great depression began. The financial statements presented to delegates at this year's Convention indicate that the year just closed has made an important contribution to that recovery.

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## DANGEROUS FOR CANADIANS!

The Canadian Government has decided to exclude from Canada a London publication which is allowed presumably to circulate freely in Britain.

The British people are in the war zone, under daily risk of enemy bombardment. Yet they maintain freedom of press and discussion to a degree apparently considered undesirable and dangerous by our Canadian authorities. An ironical situation!

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Another of the ironies of Canadian life in wartime is the denunciation of an Alberta history text book by some candidates in a Calgary school board election on the ground that it contains "Nazi propaganda." The passage complained of consists of comment on the Treaty of Versailles in terms not widely different from those used in recent years by Prime Minister Chamberlain.

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"One consolation about this war," states *Time and Tide* of London, "is that the general staffs in England and France seem to be of so much better calibre than their respective cabinets. In the last war the opposite was the case in both countries. The troops in the field suffered pretty badly till that was sorted out. But this time, Britain hardly knows its generals. At the beginning of a war the stage is always cluttered up with stale political personalities. They have first call on the limelight—and the generals are content to let them have it."

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"Democracy was not invented as a luxury to be indulged in only in periods of calm and stability. It is a pliable, tough-fibred technique especially useful when times are hard."—*New York Nation*.

## At Christmas, 1939

By SYDNEY MAY

*RING out, Ye Bells! Ring out, Ye Bells!  
Though Mars may maim and kill,  
The same sweet story Christmas tells—  
Above the sound of guns it swells—  
To men of Peace, goodwill.*

*O "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"  
In war be not dismayed,  
For round the world there still shall ring  
The song of Christ of Peace, the King  
Who was in manger laid. \**

*Look up, like wise men from afar:  
Fear not the crimson tide  
Loosed by red lust and hate and war;  
But see the glory of the Star  
That was for them a guide.*

*The pomp of pow'r; the gleam of gold;  
How quickly shall they fade!  
Yet ever shall the tale be told  
Of how the Magi, wise and old,  
To Babe their homage paid.*

*O Madman who would nail the Child  
To Calvary again;  
Know that the Saviour, meek and mild,  
Shall raise sweet Peace, pure, undefiled,  
For evermore to reign.*

*So ring Ye Bells this Christmastide,  
In spite of war and blood.  
Ring out in joy—tell far and wide  
Mars' reign must end and men abide  
In Love and Brotherhood.*

## THE MUNICH EXPLOSION

(Manchester Guardian)

The Munich attempt—whether it was a genuine attempt or not—will be used to tighten the Nazi grip on the German people by increasing idolatry of Hitler. Herr Rauschning, who at one time knew the Nazi party from within, has explained the method and the aim in his "Revolution of Destruction":

"One of the principal devices for securing National Socialist dominance is this deification of the man, his raising to the altitude of the sole saviour of the nation. 'We all believe on this earth in Adolf Hitler, our leader'; 'we acknowledge that National Socialism is the faith that alone can bring blessedness to our people.' These are official announcements by the party elite. The Messiah figure of the leader is the indispensable centre of their propaganda, as carefully devised as the whole of the apparatus of power."

So once again, in the case of the Munich bomb, we see it to be. What positive action, if any, is now to follow the event must show.

### The Leader's Offer of 21 Free Christmas Cards

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### 400 Honor Junior Wheat Club Winners at Airdrie

Airdrie Junior Wheat Club, winners of the Alberta Wheat Pool trophy in the 1938 standing wheat competition, were guests of honor at a meeting attended by more than 400, last week. Lew Hutchinson, Wheat Pool chairman, congratulated the club and stressed the importance of farm production in war time. O. S. Longman, B. J. Whitbred and H. P. Wright also spoke; the latter stated that the 16 boys in the club had last year produced 3,000 bushels of first class seed grain, all of which had been planted in the district. Members of the Club are Clifford and Harry Tebb, Robert and Donald Edwards, Julien and Warren Chitwood, Percy and Stuart Kinnebaugh, King Seymour, Chester Fowler, Peter Morrison, George De Witt, Duncan and Robert Blair, Earl, Dick and Bert Clayton.

A new organization, the Consumers of Canada party, announced from Winnipeg last week that it would run candidates in every constituency in Canada, in the next Federal election. Its platform stands for the "Sound Money Economic System."

### Albertan on Commission



C. A. Magrath of Ottawa, formerly of Lethbridge, Alberta, has been appointed non-national representative on the United States-Portuguese commission for the advancement of peace between the two nations. President Roosevelt made the appointment. Mr. Magrath succeeds the late George Herbert Sedgewick, former Ontario supreme court justice.

### CANADA'S LAND AREA

The total land area of Canada, revised according to the latest surveys, is estimated at 3,466,556 square miles, of which 549,700 square miles is considered by the Dominion Department of Agriculture as being suitable for agricultural or pastoral purposes. About 254,873 square miles of this agricultural land is occupied, and of this 213,236 square miles is classified as improved and under pasture, and 41,637 square miles as forested.

### Appreciates Article by Watson Thomson

"Please find enclosed the sum of One Dollar for my renewal of subscription to your paper. Please send me your special offer of 21 Christmas cards as advertised. I enjoyed the article in the November 17th issue, 'After the War—What?' by Watson Thomson. We are indeed glad to read such well thought out and tolerant ideas and trust that you will be able to give us some more of the same kind in the near future. Wishing you every success, Yours sincerely, (Mrs.) K. Cailles, Edmonton.

Before a German farmer may kill and eat his own pork he has to secure a permit, pay a tax, have the animal inspected, kill it, have an inspector weigh the meat; and must finally turn over to the authorities ration cards covering 90 per cent of it.

New regulations, designed to prevent unnecessary export of Canadian capital, have been announced by the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

### To Seek Expanded

#### Uses for Wheat

More than a million dollars will be spent in 1940 for research into finding new industrial uses for wheat, according to a report made to the North-West Grain Dealers' Association, G. W. P. Heffelfinger, president of the Association, states. Acting on behalf of the Line Country Elevator Companies, Cecil Lamont has just returned from visiting the Research division of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D.C., and the Ford Research Laboratories at Detroit, Michigan. The purpose of the visit was to observe the progress achieved and plans being made for research into finding new uses for wheat and other farm products following a preliminary survey which he made a year ago.

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## A Librarian Surveys the Books of the Hour

By ALEXANDER CALHOUN, M.A.  
Librarian, Calgary Public Library

IT is a curious and rather regrettable condition that book-buying by individuals tends more and more to be confined to the Christmas season. Books and plum pudding, so to speak, go together. I shall endeavor to present the plums of the book world and avoid the pudding.

Nonetheless it is a great pity that books are considered by most people a luxury, and book-buying a reckless extravagance; whereas the

truth is that books are really our cheapest commodity. A dollar spent on the right book can bring us more lasting pleasure and satisfaction than any other investment. The difficulties of choice and accessibility are real, however. The purpose of this article is to offer help to the would-be purchaser.

### Do You Wish to Escape?

No one likes to be called an escapist. But good books are our surest refuge in times of stress. A good book helps us to face the responsibilities of life with greater courage and equanimity. But there is a lighter form of escapist literature which has its own peculiar appeal and value. Let me tell you about three such books.

"Land Below the Wind," by Agnes Newton Keith, is an American woman's vivid account of homemaking and adventuring in far off Borneo. The book is very delicately and attractively illustrated with thumbnail sketches. This is an *Atlantic Monthly* prize book.

Winging our way back to Northern Ontario, we find a young American newspaperman and his wife building their own log cabin in the wilderness, and wrestling a livelihood from a trap-line and using a dog-team or canoe according to season. The newspaperman has wisely allowed his wife Katherine Pinkerton to tell the story in "Wilderness Wife." She has made an engaging book out of her experiences.

Off we go to the Cornish coast and an old Cornish seaport, to follow eagerly a young English couple, in the great slump, having real fun in making a home out of nothing, and in gardening, fishing and writing. "Love in the Sun" by Leo Walmsley is written in story form, and is quite an unusual, wholesome, and satisfying book. What matter if there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?

### Three Engaging Autobiographies

It was quite a different kind of struggle which Laura Goodman Salverson shared, in a pioneer Icelandic settlement in Manitoba. She told the story well many years ago in her novel, "Viking Heart." Now she tells it more fully in her autobiography, "Confessions of an Immigrant's Daughter," which I have not seen, but which is very favorably reviewed.

And here is still another writer's book. The lovable A. A. Milne has told the story of his struggle to become a successful writer in his "Autobiography," an intimate, friendly and humorous book which any reader of taste will enjoy, but which will be of special interest to all literary folk.

"Fighting Years," by Oswald Garrison Villard, the veteran editor of the New York *Nation*, is the life story of a great radical journalist who has been fighting for social justice and championing lost causes for over fifty years.

For the past few weeks he has been in London; more recently in Holland and Germany. His despatches are appearing weekly in *The Nation*. A great old warrior is Villard, and his book a very vivid history of the United States in the last fifty years.

### Two Unusual Books

Here are two books poles removed from each other but each unique and with a very definite appeal. "Country Lawyer" is everything that its name implies, a rich book in which the author, Bellamy Partridge, lovingly records his father's life for fifty years in a small, upstate, New York village. The book has flavor and humor, and is a cross-section of small town life in those dear old horse-and-buggy days. For the right reader, layman or lawyer, it will be full of chuckles, and the postman will knock with it at many a door this Christmas season.

"Wind, Sand and Stars," is by that talented Frenchman, Antoine de Saint-Exupery, the poet and philosopher of flight. Some readers will remember

his first book, "Night Flight." This is a piece of memorable writing, to be ranked with Anne Lindbergh's "Listen, the Wind."

### Three Books of Popular Science

"Atoms in Action," by Harrison, a popular and authoritative discussion of applied physics and its social and industrial applications, and "You and Heredity" by Scheinfeld, a popular presentation of our latest knowledge of heredity, are two books which are having a big sale and will fascinate any reader with an interest in the scientific.

A very different type of book is "Flowering Earth," by Donald Culross Peattie. Scientific in so far as its basic facts are concerned, it is in truth a piece of literature. It deals with flowers and seeds and plants and trees, but in such a living vital way that our imagination is captured and our soul nourished. This author is the outstanding nature writer of North America.

### Current Affairs

But, alas, I must bring the reader back to this bewildering, savage, everyday world.

John Gunther's "Inside Asia" bids fair to equal the popularity of his "Inside Europe," probably the most widely read book on international affairs.

"Why We Fight Labour's Case," by Arthur Greenwood, deputy leader of the British Labor Party in the House of Commons, just published in London, will be the first available book on war aims, about which there is so much discussion on both sides of the Atlantic. The central idea in this discussion would seem to be the necessity for some kind of Federal Union of Europe if it is to escape from the menace of ever-recurring wars.

"Union Now," by Clarence Streit, published in the early spring, seems to have stirred the imagination of statesmen and thinkers. It is a bold and arresting book.

"The Revolution of Nihilism," by Hermann Rauschning, former President of the Danzig Senate and leading Nazi, now living in exile, is the most damning indictment in English of Nazi aims. It is a meaty book and none too easy reading.

"The Fate of Homo Sapiens," by H. G. Wells, is a brilliant discussion of world affairs, full of stimulating thinking. If Wells is somewhat pessimistic, he repudiates his own pessimism by lending the support of his pen to all efforts at sane reconstruction.

### Some Interesting Novels

A novel very popular at the moment is "Escape," by Ethel Vance. Beware, all escapists, for this is a novel about the terror in Nazi Germany. Written with not a little distinction it is undoubtedly the best of recent novels of this type and combines the virtues of a thriller and a fine character study.

"The Nazarene," by Sholem Asch, is a long fictional treatment of the life of Jesus, closely based upon the Bible record. It is a distinguished piece of work by an able writer.

Cloete's "Watch for the Dawn" is a vigorous tale of adventure among the Boers, being a sort of sequel to "Turning Wheels." A man's book this, as is "Rogue Male" by Geoffrey

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## Books to Go Under the Christmas Tree

By LOUISE RILEY

Children's Librarian,  
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**U**NDER the tree there was a book: The Water Babies, by Charles Kingsley. To my beloved daughter Dorothy. Books meant sheer magic. There were no automobiles—none for Methodist ministers, in those days. No moving pictures. No radio. But inside the covers of books was everything, everything that exists outside in the world today. Lovely, lovely words of poetry, that slipped like colored beads along a string; tales of rose-red cities, half as old as time. All that men can imagine, and construct, and make others

Household, an unusual thriller which you can safely give to any rogue male. The women folk will enjoy it too.

"All This and Heaven Too," by Rachel Field, published a year ago, maintains its popularity with the discriminating reader, as one of the best of recent novels. Its setting is Paris, New England and old New York.

### A Final Word

Beneath the reader will find a list of all books mentioned in this article, with Canadian publisher and price.

Each year as I write these book comments I am disturbed by the thought of rural readers invited to a feast in which they can have no share.

Let me make a suggestion. Why not organize a book circle in your community and buy as many books as your funds will permit? Ten people might buy five books if they could not buy ten and share them around. I know of one community doing this successfully. In addition to the pleasure you will receive, you will be making another experiment in co-operation, of which we cannot, surely, have too much!

Greenwood, *Why We Fight*, Routledge 5 shillings. (No Canadian edition yet.)

Gunther, *Inside Europe*, Musson \$3.50, *Inside Asia*, Musson \$3.50.

Harrison, *Atoms in Action*, McClelland \$4.00.

Keith, *Land Below the Wind*, McClelland, \$3.50.

Lindbergh, *Listen, The Wind*, McLeod, \$3.50.

Milne, *Autobiography*, Smithers, \$3.50.

Partridge, *Country Lawyer*, McLeod, \$3.00.

Peattie, *Flowering Earth*, Allen, \$2.75.

Pinkerton, *Wilderness Wife*, McClelland, \$3.00.

Rauschnig, *Revolution of Nihilism*, Ryerson, \$3.50.

Saint-Exupery, *Wind, Sand and Stars*, McClelland, \$3.50.

Selversen, *Confessions of An Immigrant's Daughter*, Ryerson, \$2.50.

Scheinfeld, *You and Heredity*, McClelland, \$3.25.

Streit, *Union Now*, Musson, \$3.50.

Villard, *Fighting Years*, McLeod, \$4.25.

Wells, *Fate of Homo Sapiens*, Saunders, \$2.50.

### NOVELS

Asch, *The Naazarene*, Allen, \$3.00.

Cloete, *Watch for the Dawn*, Collins \$2.50.

Field, *All This and Heaven Too*, MacM., \$2.75.

Household, *Rogue Male*, McClelland, \$2.25.

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### Never a Better Selection

It is safe to say that in number and diversity and general excellence, books for boys and girls have never been better than they are for this Christmas of 1939. Authors, artists and publishers have provided these books. It is up to us to see that the boys and girls of Alberta get their full share of all the joy and inspiration that is between their covers. The best of these books are not escape literature, but foundation literature. They are books which a child will be proud to put on his bookshelf today, and they will still be good books when he grows up and reads them to his own children.

The Carnegie Medal, highest award in England for a child's book, has during the last few years been given to writers who present everyday life in its most human aspect, with characters full of faults and foibles. Such a book was last year's winner, Eve Garnett's "Family from One-End St." It is an immensely popular book with the boys and girls of Calgary.

### "The Circus Is Coming"

This year the Medal went to Noel Streatfeild for another such book, "The Circus Is Coming" (Dent 6/). It concerns a boy and a girl brought up by an aunt who had, in her youth, long been lady's maid to a duchess. This career had convinced her that only dukes and duchesses and possibly kings and queens could ever be right. The two children suffered a great deal from the duchess's ideas. But Aunt Rebecca died. Then they ran away to join her disgraceful brother who belonged to a circus. Uncle Gus and the circus people taught the children things about life which they never suspected. The circus background is of course a delight to any right-thinking child.

### A Good Story for Girls

The American Newbery Medal was presented this year to Elizabeth Enright for "Thimble Summer" (Farrar \$2.00). This is a story for girls. Girls in Alberta will find it particularly interesting. Garnet Linden, the heroine, lives on a farm and knows what drought means. But it takes more than drought to take the fun out of life for an eleven-year-old. Especially when she has a friend who helps her to build a house in the trees, and a pig Timmy, who has once been a runt, but finally, after a lot of care, wins a prize at the Agricultural Show.

If you are interested in making a child realize that art does not reach its highest form in the funny papers, try showing him Thomas Handforth's "Mei-Li" (Doubleday \$1.50). This book won the Caldecott Medal for the best picture book of the year. Thomas Handforth, who wrote the story and illustrated it too, spent several years in China. His young

heroine Mei-Li is drawn from life. The author says he couldn't resist her, and when you see his pictures of Mei-Li and her friends and pets, you won't be able to resist her either. Mother Goose may always be given to the smallest babies, because soon they will take pleasure in the repetition of these rhymes. "The Gay Mother Goose" illustrated by the French artist Francoise, (Scribner \$1.50), is particularly delightful for very small children. It is illustrated in flat, bright colors and the pictures are without perspective, the kind that children make for themselves.

### Rollicking Picture Book

A rollicking picture book is "And to think I saw it on Mulberry St." (Vanguard Press \$1.00) by Dr. Seuss. It is about a small boy whose father tells him to keep his eyes open and notice what he sees on the way home from school. He does keep his eyes open, but all he sees is a horse and a wagon on Mulberry St. Obviously this simply won't do. He begins to embroider until he sees a procession which is a cross between a circus parade and the Calgary Stampede. At every step it gets bigger and better. He rushes home with "a story that no one could beat." But when his father asks him what he saw he says meekly, growing red as a beet, "Nothing but a plain horse and wagon on Mulberry St."

I defy anyone, big or small, to read Hardie Gramatky's "Little Toot" (Putnam \$1.50) without being seized with spontaneous laughter. The author-illustrator, late of the Disney studios, has recently given a one-man show of his pictures in New York, and he is achieving fame for his illustrations in "Fortune." But he has taken time off to entertain him-



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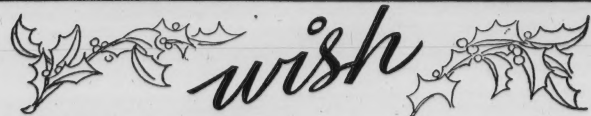
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## Current News from Near and Far

### WAR DIARY

**Nov. 17th.**—Allied supreme war council meets in London. Anti-aircraft guns and pursuit planes drive off German reconnaissance aeroplanes, sighted over the West of England and North Wales. In punishment for Czech student demonstrations on Wednesday, nine persons shot by the German authorities, and 1,200 students arrested in Prague.

**Nov. 18th.**—London despatches say evidence points to Goering as head of the Munich plot against Hitler. British buying agents contract for \$20,000,000 worth of aeroplanes in U.S. British army officers recommend 107 privates and non-commissioned officers for commissions.

**Nov. 20th.**—Four British and five neutral vessels sunk in North Sea over the week-end, most of them by German mines, with loss of life estimated at 177. German military plane flying over Holland territory, brought down by Dutch guns.

**Nov. 21st.**—British Government will seize German exports, announces Prime Minister Chamberlain, in reprisal for sowing by Nazis of mines without notification of areas, as required by international law. Large Japanese liner and three small British ships sunk by mines near British coasts. 5,000-ton German freighter captured by British. French bring down three, and R.A.F. one, German planes. Germans close Czech universities for three years. Fritz Thyssen, German steel magnate, who largely financed Hitler's rise to power, forced to leave Germany. Paris states Russian and German propaganda to attack "capitalism and imperialism" by agreement. U.S. to send 20 ambulances to France.

**Nov. 22nd.**—British and French bring down eight German planes in France. Germans bomb Shetlands, destroying one seaplane at rest on water. French destroyer sinks two German submarines. British capture German freighter, and shell and wreck another, near Iceland. Eighteen ships sunk by Germans in last five days. French join British in plan to seize German exports.

**Nov. 23rd.**—British pursuit planes shoot down seven German planes in France. Officially stated at least twenty German submarines destroyed since beginning of war. Mines dropped into Thames estuary from German planes. Three British, two French, one Greek vessels sunk. British Parliament prorogued. Rumanian Government falls, following breakdown of German trade negotiations. British have delivered 36 aeroplanes sold to Rumania.

**Nov. 24th.**—British steamer and two small vessels blown up by mines, Dutch tanker torpedoed. Hundreds of Czech students taken to concentration camps, where tens of thousands of their countrymen are already confined. New Rumanian government formed under Tatarescu, reported friendly to Britain and France. London despatch states two British agents in Holland, near German frontier, were seized by Gestapo and taken to Germany, earlier in month and are held prisoners. French shoot down three German planes.

**Nov. 25th.**—Total of 27 ships sunk by German torpedoes or mines in past week, 153 (83 British) sunk since beginning of war. Neutral countries protest Allied decision to seize German exports. German vessel scuttled by crew to prevent falling in hands of British. Stalemate continues on Western front.

**Nov. 26th.**—In broadcast to British people Chamberlain states peace aims of Allies to remove fear of aggression and to develop a "new Europe." Sinking of British armed merchant cruiser *Rawalpindi*, by *Deutschland*, with loss of life of 280, announced.

**Nov. 27th.**—Britain and France set up Allied economic co-ordinating committee, under Jean Monnet, French financial expert, believed by some observers of far-reaching importance; described by Wickham Steed, former editor *London Times*, as converting Anglo-French Alliance into "Union." German drive east of the Moselle repulsed. Finland offers to withdraw troops from frontier if U.S.S.R. will do likewise. Russian papers threaten Finns with same treatment as meted out to "Polish landlords." German "protector" in the former Czechoslovakia, von Neurath, resigns post in protest against treatment of Czechs by Gestapo. Two British vessels, one of them the liner *Pilsudski*, German trawler and Dutch freighter sunk; two German freighters captured by British. Viscount Halifax warns Russian ambassador aggressive attitude to Finland would damage trade prospects between Britain and the U.S.S.R.

**Nov. 28th.**—French warships capture two German freighters. British vessel lost. Total of 2,700 lives lost at sea since war began, over 1,800 British. Swedish Government protests German laying of mines in Swedish territorial waters. Belgian anti-aircraft guns open fire on planes, believed to be German. French estimate 43 German submarines sunk during war. German attack on small sector of French line repulsed. British to start rationing butter and bacon January 8th—four ounces of each, per person per week, to be allowed. Herbert Morrison, Labor leader, declares Britain must give up some of its national sovereignty at close of war. Russia denounces 1932 non-aggression pact with Finland.

**Nov. 29th.**—Moscow reports group of Finnish soldiers crossed frontier

The two Canadian railway systems have agreed to transport materials for the Red Cross free of charge.

Ten new airfields are to be made in Alberta, under an agreement of the Provincial and Federal Governments.

Polling about 55 per cent of the votes cast, the Liberal Government of New Brunswick was returned to power last week.

The Alberta Hospitals' Association and the Alberta Municipal Hospitals' Association held conventions in Edmonton last week.

*Technocracy*, published in New York, and the *London Labor Monthly* are among twelve publications recently banned by the Canadian censors.

At the end of last week the Canadian Red Cross had raised \$2,257,000 of its \$3,000,000 objective, Alberta leading the Western Provinces with a total of \$96,000.

Max Stepp, Regina, pleaded guilty to trying to send particulars of an invention for an aerial torpedo to Germany, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Representing the Southern Alberta Conservation Council, a committee met Hon. J. G. Gardiner in Regina last week to discuss water conservation and irrigation matters.

The three trustees of the Eastern Irrigation District, Henry Dahl, Robert Scott and Carl Anderson, ousted by Provincial Government order last spring, were elected to the new board of five.

Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross stated on Tuesday that he knew nothing of the suggestion made in letters from his Department to the City of Calgary that the Dominion might refuse to grant relief to a man physically fit to enlist; the Dominion officials also state there is no intention of altering the terms of the existing agreement as to relief.

Dr. Norman Bethune, of Montreal, veteran of the first World War, who originated and carried on the blood transportation and transfusion system in the Spanish War and had since been doing the same work in the Chinese war, died in Wupaihan, China, from infection contracted in performing an operation. He spoke in Alberta, before leaving for China, under the auspices of the League for Peace and Democracy.

and shells burst in Russian territory; claim Finns menace Leningrad, 30 miles from border. R.A.F. planes attack German air base near Emden. British Parliament opens; extraordinary war powers modified.

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Actual Values

United Grain Growers Limited are making efforts to have an adjustment made in Wheat Board initial prices on grades of wheat lower than No. 1 Northern on which market spreads have been very much narrower than those which were set by the Wheat Board at the beginning of the year. At the annual meeting held in Winnipeg on November 15th and 16th, the following resolution which was introduced by the Board of Directors was passed:

"That this meeting go on record as protesting the unfair prices paid by the Board on the lower grades compared with 70c for One Northern and that this meeting authorizes the Board of Directors of United Grain Growers Limited to ask the Canadian Wheat Board and the Government of Canada to adjust immediately the initial payments on grades lower than One Northern, to

|          |                           |       |                        |               |
|----------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------|---------------|
| 2 Nor.   | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 3c,   | Open Market spread 2,  | diff. of 1c   |
| 3 Nor.   | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 7½c,  | Open Market spread 2½, | diff. of 5½c  |
| 4 Nor.   | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 13c,  | Open Market spread 4½, | diff. of 8½c  |
| 4 Spec.  | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 16c,  | Open Market spread 5½, | diff. of 10½c |
| 5 Wht.   | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 19c,  | Open Market spread 9,  | diff. of 10c  |
| 5 Spec.  | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 22c,  | Open Market spread 10, | diff. of 12c  |
| 6 Wht.   | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 25½c, | Open Market spread 14, | diff. of 11½c |
| 6 Spec.  | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 27c,  | Open Market spread 16, | diff. of 11c  |
| Fd. Wht. | under 1 Nor. Board spread | 20c,  | Open Market spread 15, | diff. of 15c  |

conform more closely with spreads established in sales made so far in the marketing of the 1939 crop; and that adjustments in prices be authorized by the Board to growers who have already disposed of such grades to the Wheat Board so that they will receive the same return as will be effective on later deliveries."

#### Board Memorandum

Prior to the passing of the resolution the Board laid before the meeting a

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## Hale and Hearty

Co-operation, examined by experts in many fields during the 15th Annual session of the American Institute of Co-operation, has been found hale, hearty and ready for another year in its role of exemplifying the enduring basis of American democracy, states the *Canadian Dairy and Ice Cream Journal*. This is the diagnosis arrived at by farm leaders, co-operative officials, economists, educators and others who attended the Institute conferences on the campus of the University of Chicago. They came from 37 states, Canada, Scotland, Ireland and Denmark.

memorandum on which the resolution was based which read as follows:

"Market prices in Winnipeg indicate that the spreads between grades as set by the Canadian Wheat Board in their initial payment are out of line with actual values. It is recognized that the spreads established by the Canadian Wheat Board were of necessity set before definite knowledge was available as to the quantity of low grade wheat which would be available for sale and also before the actual value of these grades in relation to One Northern wheat was known.

"It now appears that less of these low grades is now being marketed than was anticipated earlier and further that there is and has been for some weeks a good demand for same resulting in spreads between One Northern and all lower grades being very narrow.

#### Striking Comparisons

"A comparison of recent Winnipeg prices with Wheat Board prices discloses the following facts:

|       |                        |               |
|-------|------------------------|---------------|
| 3c,   | Open Market spread 2,  | diff. of 1c   |
| 7½c,  | Open Market spread 2½, | diff. of 5½c  |
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"It must be recognized that the producer who this year has low grade wheat for sale should be placed in a position whereby he will obtain the maximum amount of benefit from the operations of the Canadian Wheat Board. At least he should benefit to the same extent as the man who delivers One Northern wheat, after allowing, of course, for the difference in actual value in the respective grades.

"An examination of the Wheat Board Act indicates that if the Board, after disposing of all the 1939 crop and meeting all expenses, find themselves with surplus funds on hand that they would be required to adjust the spreads on the lower grades to conform as nearly as possible with the spreads established in the selling of the grain. In other words, if they had a surplus and if they were able to sell the lower grades at narrow spreads the advantage of such sales would be passed on to the producers of the lower grades in the form of an additional payment.

#### Would Not Have Funds

"On the other hand if the Wheat Board when all of the 1939 crop is disposed of and all costs are paid, find the net return realized from the wheat does not in total exceed the initial payments paid out, they would not have funds with which to make any additional payments on the lower grades even though such grades were disposed of at very narrow spreads under One Northern. This would mean that the producer of low grade grain would be contributing an undue proportion of the costs of operation of the Wheat Board.

"A considerable volume of low grade wheat has already been disposed of to the Wheat Board at spreads under One Northern which are out of line with actual values. Undoubtedly such wheat has already been sold or will be sold by the Board at spreads under One Northern very much narrower than those set in the Board initial payment.

"Some of the 1939 crop may be sold by the Board at prices in excess of

present values, but it must be recognized that any advantage which may result from higher prices later on will no doubt, to a considerable extent, be offset by the cost of carrying the grain. Therefore, there is always a possibility that the net return to the Canadian Wheat Board from the 1939 crop will not be sufficient to enable them to make any further payments and, if so, they will not be able to adjust present unfair spreads."

### CHRISTMAS BOOKS

(Continued from page 7)

I refuse to spoil the story for you. Go without some less vital garment if you must, but get hold of Little Toot and find out for yourself what happened.

There seems to be a revival of interest in fairy tales. "Once on a Time" (Scribner \$1.50) illustrated by Katherine Milhouse, is a bright new collection of old favorites. A modern fairy tale is Katherine Gibson's delightful story "Cinders."

For older boys and girls there are many delightful books. I shall mention only two. For girls, "Three Sisters" (Day \$2.00) by Cornelia Spencer. This is the story of the Soong family of China; and especially of the two sisters who later became Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and Madame Sun Yat-Sen. A girl who finds this book under the tree will receive delight and inspiration in a book of which she will always be proud.

For boys I would like to mention a book which is not new. It is Lincoln Steffen's account of his boyhood called "Boy on Horseback" (Harcourt \$2.00). No copy of this book is ever to be found in its place on the shelves of our older boys and girls department in the Calgary Public Library.

May I conclude as I began with a quotation from Dorothy Thompson? "I wish you all a Merry Christmas. I wish us all a world as kind as a child can imagine it."

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### PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

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How soon the Christmas Season will be upon us again!

The late fall has always brought a reminder to some good housewives that Christmas was ahead. Christmas puddings were made weeks and even months before the day on which they were to be used. They were carefully hung away that the taste of their spices and fruits might permeate what was to be one of the crowning dishes of the holiday season. Cakes and mince for pies were given time in which to mellow. In addition, different families had individual traditional dishes which they themselves prepared.

#### In Earlier Days

There was a period perhaps when more time went into the preparation of the Christmas gifts. Hours were wiled away in the summer when tiny stitches made plain pieces of clothing into pictures of glowing colors. Varicolored yarns, too, played a part in the preparation, although older ones will remember that knitting needles

played a comparatively small part in the handicraft of the time. It was during the last war that knitting needles began to click again so industriously, and their use has continued ever since as one of our handicrafts. Copies of many beautiful things were made as well as modern creations.

There are, however, so many wonderful things which are so cheap, so pretty and so interesting that many people turn to them when thinking of giving a Christmas gift, especially if their pocket book is shallow; for some of these gifts can be very fascinating whether little or much has been spent on them. We too often forget to make sure that they are not the result of sweated labor at home or abroad.

#### Christmas Budgeting

Christmas buying usually takes a great deal of budgeting. But many people who spend little on fruit at other times buy some then and there are community "Christmas trees" which do the same. The suggestion has been made that this would be a good time to show our appreciation to

### A THANKSGIVING CHRISTMAS

We housewives are now mobilizing  
The good things from hither and  
yon.

It really is very surprising  
How Christmas comes galloping  
on.

The cake has been beaten and blended  
And frosted and hidden away,  
In case its career should be ended  
Before Christmas Day.

The turkey is penned up in state with  
Perpetual meals in his stall  
To put him in shape for his date with  
The cranberries picked in the fall.  
The mincemeat grows sweeter and  
riper,

And other good things are in view.  
It's plain we shall all pay the piper  
Before we are through.

The doo-dads for some little stocking!  
A tree for the young folks to trim!  
Can these simple pleasures be mock-  
ing

The lives war has made bleak and  
grim?

Last Christmas discovered us yearn-  
ing

For lots of things hard times debar,  
But this Christmas sees us all  
learning

How well-off we are!

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the people of some of the other Provinces of our Dominion who were kind enough to send us apples when we could not afford to buy any. We can specialize on apples and thus build up for them a home market.

I had a letter only the other day from an old friend whose husband is an orchardist in the Cornwallis Valley. She was telling me of this year's bountiful crop for which there was no market as their usual one was so largely cut off.

This made me remember the times when I had lived with them long ago and how they sat fearful of the frost lest it injure the blossoms of the early Spring or the fruit of Autumn and work havoc with their year's work. Surely this would be one way of building up a spirit of unity and goodwill in Canada if this suggestion were followed.

Down through the ages the great wish for humanity has rung year after year, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." In some ways it seems as though this, the very foundation of our Christmas wishes, were more disregarded than ever. But let us wish again that we may give and receive pleasure and happiness and that we may each and all prepare ourselves and our country for a just and lasting peace on earth; and may we help spread a spirit of goodwill in which we each have a part to play.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

The first member of the Local to pay his dues for 1940, Fred Trotter, at a recent joint meeting of Chain Lakes U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. answered the question "Do the Farmers Want the Organization to Continue?" He expressed the hope and belief that farmers would not let the organization down; had it not been for the work of the U.F.A., he said, Alberta farmers could not have had a pegged price for their wheat last year nor possibly this year.

### For the Season of Feasts

While we do our feasting, in these modern, hygienic days, with more discretion than was

practised in the good old days, still most of us mark the holiday season by allowing ourselves some luxury and some latitude in the matter of foods. Tradition governs a great deal in the arrangement of the menu, and most families have some private, special traditions; but sometimes circumstances make changes desirable, and some of the recipes in this column may interest those who for one reason or another plan to vary the traditional menus in some degree.

**Christmas Cake:** Half-pound butter, 1 cup sugar, 4 eggs, a little milk, half-pound each sultanas and currants, 1-1/2 cups shredded, candied peel, 4 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder. Cream butter and sugar, add the eggs, one at a time, beat well; add flour gradually, using enough milk to make the usual rather stiff batter; add fruit and peel; bake about 2-1/2 hours.

**Chicken a la King:** Make a thick white sauce of 3 tablespoons each butter and flour, 1/2 cup chicken stock and 1-1/2 cups rich milk; add 2 cups cooked chicken, diced, 1 cup cooked mushrooms, and 2 tablespoons chopped pimento, salt and pepper; heat and pour over 2 beaten egg yolks. Cook 2 minutes; serve on hot toast.

**Seasoned Onions:** Should you happen to have roast pork for your Christmas or New Year's dinner, serve boiled onions, seasoned with salt, a very little pepper, and a teaspoon of crushed sage leaves to half dozen onions. Cook so that the water is all boiled away by the time the onions are cooked; then add a small piece of butter.

**Surprise Cookies:** Cream together 1/2 cup butter and 3/4 cup mixed brown and white sugar and add 1 well-beaten egg, 1-1/2 cups flour and 1/4 teaspoon baking soda sifted together, 1/3 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Lastly add 1/2 cup chopped walnuts and 1/2 cup diced chocolate (use sweet or semi-sweet baking chocolate cut into small cubes and add just as you would the nuts). Drop by teaspoonfuls on sheet and bake in quick oven. The chocolate pieces in the cookies look like raisins but the first bite is pleasantly surprising.

**Rum and Butter Tarts:** Drop a few raisins or currants into each tart shell. Beat three eggs, add 1 lb. brown sugar, 1 ounce melted butter, and 1/2 teaspoon Jamaica flavor; pour into shells and bake in a moderate oven. (Non-alcoholic Jamaica flavor can be obtained.)

**Apple Snow:** You can give this to an invalid or small child without a qualm. Cook apples until tender, put through a sieve and sweeten to taste. For every 3/4 cup of pulp beat stiffly the whites of 3 eggs. Add the apple pulp gradually and beat again. File

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## GOOD WILL!

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## Ninety Cents for Christmas

**J**ACK AND JILL were twins, so it was natural for them to put their heads together as Christmas drew near. They had a large family of relatives, and they wanted very much to give, as well as receive, at Christmas. Between them, they found they had ninety cents in cash; so after much anxious thought, they decided to make their gifts.

### For Youngest and an Older Sister

For the youngest, their small nephew, they decided on blocks. Jack planed some pieces of two-by-four and one-by-four and sawed them into small sizes, then Jill helped in the tedious job of sandpapering them. Packed into a strong cardboard box, they were ready.

A doll's trunk for their younger sister was their biggest undertaking. A corrugated cardboard box was the foundation; they pasted flour-sacking on the outside, and ceiling paper on the inside. Strips of old table oilcloth were pasted over all the corners, and hinges and fasteners of the same material were sewn on. They found two small buckles in the workshop for the fasteners, but they had to buy paint. A small can of blue paint gave the trunk a very smart and finished air.

For an older sister they made a pin-tray. They pasted a covering of plain white paper on a small cardboard picnic plate, using small triangles for the sloping edges and a carefully cut circle for the centre. On this circle they pasted a small colored picture of rosebuds, and outlined all the joins in the paper with a narrow line of water-color paint, in a deeper pink. A thin coat of clear varnish completed the pin-tray.

For their grandfather, they made a calendar from four sheets of drawing paper; they marked out and lettered carefully a calendar for three months on each. They were not particularly good at drawing, so they selected from books and magazines four pictures, suitable to the four seasons, and copied them in outline, one on each sheet. The four sheets were tied together with colored string, ready to hang up.

A teapot stand, for their married sister, was made from a thin piece of board. Sawn to size, it was sandpapered, and then they marked a small design in each corner with a nail and hammer. Of course it was varnished.

### What For Mother and Dad?

A wallpocket to hold pencil and paper for grocery lists would, they thought, be useful for their mother. Jill made the pocket of scraps of

in a glass dish and serve with custard sauce.

**Milk Toffee:** Put in a saucepan 1 cup milk, 4 cups sugar, 1 tablespoon butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla, and stir until dissolved. Boil slowly, stirring frequently, until large bubbles appear in the middle, and the sides of the pan are left clean. Remove from fire and stir until nearly cool; pour into a buttered pan with straight edges, and mark in squares. Nuts may be added just before pouring out.

## Gift Suggestions



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cretonne, with one narrow division for a new pencil, and a wider one to hold a nickel's worth of small pieces of colored paper, bought from the printer's, in town.

For some time they could think of nothing for their father, but at last they hit on what they thought a really brilliant idea. Taking the end of an applebox as a base, they nailed all around it narrow pieces of board to make a tray of it; the tray was divided into sixteen compartments by other pieces. The measuring and fitting of these was quite a task, but when it was completed they had a fine container for small nails and tacks and screws and rivets of various kinds and sizes. They bought at the hardware store a metal handle for each end, as they had money enough, though these too could have been made of wood.

Jack and Jill were very happy on Christmas morning to receive the thanks and praise of all their family; but they said to each other, privately, that the best part had been the fun of making the things themselves.



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The Federal Government was asked by the Municipal Districts' convention in Edmonton last week to set a price of not less than \$1.25 a bushel for wheat. Among other resolutions was one asking the senior Governments to care for the half-breed population of the Province, and one proposing that only British subjects should vote in Municipal elections. Paul Farnalls, Halkirk, and Harry W. Bright, Macleod, were re-elected president and vice-president. J. M. Wheatley, Chancellor, and N. McClellan, Vermilion, were elected to the Board of Directors.

John Hannacko has been nominated by the C.C.F. to oppose Hon. Lucien Maynard in Beaver River constituency.

The Alberta Government had a surplus of income over expenditure of \$1,366,417, for the year ended March 31st last, according to financial statements recently made public. Total expenditure was \$21,242,625, of which \$3,963,433.09 was for debt charges.

### NATURAL BENT

"A fine child, madam", remarked the elderly gentleman in the seat across the aisle. "I trust he will grow into an upright and honorable man."

"Yes," smiled the mother, "but it will be rather difficult."

"As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined", you know."

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## World Wheat Situation

Damage to growing wheat crops in Argentina, Australia, and the United States hard winter wheat region is a strengthening influence on the price of wheat. Were it not for the huge supplies of wheat in the world, and the prospect of a big carryover into the 1940-41 crop year, a strong market would be the immediate result.

Some rain has fallen in Kansas, but the general situation, as far as the United States hard winter wheat crop is concerned, is bad. A small crop is inevitable unless a miracle occurs. Most of the acreage is going into the winter in the worst condition in the history of the country.

Reports from Argentina state that the wheat crop is showing little improvement from the poor conditions caused by excessive October rainfall. Strengthening prices on the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange lead to the conclusion that the crop has been seriously damaged.

A rather surprising report from Broomhall's agent suggests that the Australian crop estimate of 180 million bushels, as given out a few weeks ago, may have to be reduced by 30 million. If this information is correct, some very bad weather must have been encountered.

The wheat lands of Western Canada are going into the winter for the most part in a very dry condition. The autumn has been a mild and open one with small precipitation.

More extensive purchases of Canadian wheat by the United Kingdom have featured recent developments in trade. Serious damage is being done to British shipping by German mines and submarines, and this will probably result in fewer ships being sent to the Southern Hemisphere.

Canadian wheat supplies in a visible position continue at an exceptionally large figure. There may be a steady export in considerable volume from now on.

## Dairy Market

The butter market, although rather quiet, is holding its own despite the fact that there have been no exports which would indicate underlying strength. Production for November is almost down to winter basis and some say it is reasonable to think there will be an increase in consumption. With the British market pegged at 145 shillings, exports, of course, are not feasible, but there is some talk of the pegged price being raised. Montreal is now quoted at 28-1/4, Toronto 28-1/4 and Winnipeg 26c, while local prices are unchanged with first class prints at 29 cents and special grade butter fat at 25 cents.

## Bought 120,000,000 Pounds Surplus Butter for Welfare Agencies

The United States Department of Agriculture announced recently that the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation bought a total of about 122,000,000 pounds of surplus butter during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1939. The purchases were made at a total cost of about \$34,500,000, including handling charges.

The butter bought by the FSCC is given to State welfare agencies for distribution to families on relief rolls. This distribution of butter during recent months has been at the rate of 10,000,000 to 13,000,000 pounds a month.

The U.S. has 543,000 men in her land, sea and air forces.

Mexican oil exports will be sold through an independent American company.

Canada's war expenditures will total \$315,000,000 during the first year of war, said Hon. J. L. Ralston last week.

## Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Nov. 28th.—The cattle market is mostly steady on all classes. Good to choice butcher steers are \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$5 to \$5.75; good to choice heifers \$5.75 to \$6.50, common to medium \$5 to \$5.50; good to choice fed calves \$6.50 to \$7; good cows \$4 to \$4.50; good bulls \$4 to \$4.25; good to choice veal calves \$6.50 to \$7.50, common to medium \$4.50 to \$6. Good stocker and feeder steers are \$5.50 to \$6, common \$4.50 to \$5.25. Hogs are selling higher with selects \$8.60, bacon \$8.10 and butchers \$7.10 off trucks.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Nov. 28th.—The cattle market is active at firm values. Good to choice fed calves are \$6.50 to \$7; good to choice steers \$5.75 to \$6.25, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5.50; good to choice heifers \$5.25 to \$5.75, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5; good to choice cows \$3.75 to \$4.25; canners and cutters \$2.50 down; bulls \$3 to \$4. Stockers and feeders are in demand with good quality steers selling from \$5 to \$5.50, heifers mostly \$5 down and stock cows \$3.75 down. Good to choice lightweight vealers are \$7.50 to \$8. The hog market is fairly steady with selects at \$8.50, bacon \$8 and butchers \$7, off trucks.

U.S. corn supplies this season are about 17 per cent above average.

It is expected at Ottawa that from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 will be paid out in crop bonuses.

Prices on some grades of wool have been set by the wartime Prices and Trade Board; the maximum for quarter-blood fleeces and pulled wools, of 44s and 50s quality, will be 45 cents a pound.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week British and neutral country buyers took 10,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat and flour.

## Britain's Christmas Greetings to Canada

We are at WAR. The British Commonwealth of Nations is fighting the Battle for the whole World on the last front of civilization—the Front of Personal and Religious Freedom. Let us not confuse the issue.

### IT IS LIFE OR DEATH

In the last war, Britain spent the following sums in Canada on armaments alone, in addition to huge sums for agricultural products:

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 1915 | \$ 57,213,688 |
| 1916 | 296,505,257   |
| 1917 | 388,213,553   |
| 1918 | 260,711,751   |

It is not expected Canada can buy sufficient from Britain to offset the great amounts that will be spent here by Britain, but we confidently hope Canada will do her utmost to purchase British goods, and so give strength to our mutual cause and ultimate success.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION  
(Continued from page 6)To All Shippers of  
Dressed Turkeys

Here is some information you no doubt will be pleased to have.

Sometimes there is doubt in your mind that the grades you receive for your Dressed Turkeys are lower than the quality of your birds. The Government has a record of the grades packed by weight last year and in percentages they are:

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| A Grade Turkeys | 54% |
| B Grade Turkeys | 32% |
| C Grade Turkeys | 14% |

This means that for every 100 lb. of Dressed Turkeys shipped by producers 54 lb. of them were satisfactory quality for "A" Grade 32 lb. for "B" Grade and 14 lb. were "C" Grade. If the returns for your grading this year compare favorably with these percentages, you will know whether or not your birds are above or below average quality.

Annual Conference  
U.F.A. Co-operatives  
Gathers in CalgarySubstantial Increases in Business  
Reported During Year by  
Several Co-operatives

With several of the leading organizations reporting substantial increases in business during the year, the Annual Conference of officials and managers of U.F.A. District and Constituency Co-operative Associations was held in Calgary, on November 24th and 25th. Representatives were present from Acadia, Coronation, Pembina, Innisfail, Hand Hills, Huxley to Grainger Associations. Principal business of the conference was to review the work of the Co-operatives in 1939 and make plans for 1940, in conjunction with the Board of U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, also to elect two representatives to that Board.

## Officers Re-Elected

George A. MacLachlan, of Clyde, presided. Charles A. Fawcett was re-elected to the Board of the Central Co-operative Association and D. H. Smith of Cereal was elected in place of N. D. Stewart, formerly President of the Acadia Association. Mr. Stewart recently moved to the neighborhood of Lacombe and resigned from the Board at this Conference. Mr. Smith is Manager-Secretary of the Acadia U.F.A. Co-operative Association.

The executive of U.F.A. Central Association attended both days and presented the report of the Board through the chairman, Norman F. Priestley. J. K. Sutherland of Hanna and George E. Church of Balzac are the other members of the Board.

## Important Features

Important features of the conference were the discussions which took place between the delegates and E. S. McRory, Manager of the United Grain Growers, Limited, suppliers of binder twine; W. F. Wallace, Manager, Maple Leaf Petroleum, Limited, suppliers of petroleum products; H. C. Rindfleisch, Manager, Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Limited, suppliers of stationary farm machinery and electrical equipment, etc.; and M. M. MacDonald, Manager of Hy-Grade Coal Co., Drumheller. Arthur Riley, R. M. McCool and W. J. Hoppins, members of the field staff of U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, were also present.

The delegates enjoyed a social period on the Friday evening as guests of Maple Leaf Petroleum Limited at a dinner in the Renfrew Club.

Members of Battleview U.F.W.A. are "still learning how little we know," from contests and "quizzes" at their meetings, writes Mrs. Pearl Arthur, secretary. They are putting on a rug-making course.

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BE SURE TO USE PLENTY  
OF PAPER AND GOOD CLEAN  
BAGS.

CJCL -- The Progressive  
Station of the West

With December still around the corner the CJCL Christmas Fund for 1939 looks like an outstanding success already. The halfway mark of \$250 was passed on November 21st, leaving more than a month for the entire project to be well and completely handled. Effective December the first a souvenir booklet will be published containing picture of all staff members and each listener who contributes to the fund will receive one. Even the office department has undertaken a project for the fund as under the direction of Betty Harvey and Hazel Robinson an afternoon Christmas tea will be staged in the main studio of the station, which will be appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Three well known radio names are now identified with CJCL programs. In the morning schedule the listeners will note the appearance of Cecil Kappey, Jack Friedenberg and Jane Grey on the program listings. Cecil and Jack will bring piano interludes, while Jane Grey opens the Etiquette book and finds the answers to those perplexing moments that society has its right and wrong answers for. The programs that feature these radio personalities will be found "on the air" between the broadcasting times of 9:30 and 11 o'clock.

Ralph Weir, new announcer around CJCL studios, will be working with Don MacKay on the hockey broadcasts this winter. The hockey games to be heard over CJCL will number about 32.

## Heads New Division



Professor K. W. Neatby, head of the Field Crops Department of the College of Agriculture, University of Alberta (above), has been appointed Director of the newly-formed Agricultural Division of the North-West Grain Dealers' Association.

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## SPORT

With Santa peeking round the corner, rugby and hockey are the seasonal sports, but Mother Nature's warm smiles suggest tennis or baseball, and your scribe is pleased to report an enjoyable game of golf last weekend.

The rugby struggle in the East has finally boiled down to Ottawa Roughriders and Sarnia Imperials; the Toronto Argonauts, last year's Champs, having been severely trampled by the Roughriders. These two clubs will match skill or what have you to decide who is to meet Winnipeg Blue Bombers for Dominion honors. And for a little prognostication, we pick Ottawa to down Sarnia and Winnipeg to come out of their meeting with Ottawa as Canadian titlists—after which we sit back and nervously await developments.

And speaking of rugby—at a recent meeting of the Quarter Back Club in Calgary, a motion picture taken at the Calgary-Winnipeg game in Calgary (the one that proved so disastrous for the Bronks) was run off and clearly shows at least two 'Peg linemen in

the Calgary backfield before the ball was snapped on the play that Calgary fumbled and Winnipeg recovered to tie up the series. Mention of this is by no means an alibi for the Bronks for Winnipeg left no doubt of their ability and certainly deserved to win by a good margin, but we insist that oversights (for that's what we will call it) like this could have a tremendous effect on a rugby game.

The Big Seven Hockey League is just now under way and Calgary Stampede are leading the parade with more points than last year's edition had half way through the Season.

## U.G.G. Officers Re-elected

All retiring directors of the United Grain Growers, Limited, were re-elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting of the company. They were R. S. Law, Calgary, D. G. McKenzie, Brandon; Robert Brown, Pilot Mound; E. E. Bayne, Winnipeg. The Board of Directors subsequently reappointed officers as follows: President and General Manager, R. S. Law, Calgary; First Vice-President, D. G. McKenzie, Winnipeg, Second Vice-President, John Morrison, Yellowgrass, Sask.; Treasurer, J. B. McNair, Winnipeg; Secretary, C. C. Jackson, Calgary.

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Canada's wheat selling policy will include continued sales to neutral countries as far as possible; last year these countries took nearly half of total exports of 160,000,000 bushels.

A New York woman recently sent \$2,000 to the Minister of Finance at Ottawa to help prosecute the war, explaining that it was not a loan, that she wished to buy no bonds, but to "keep right away from any notion of waxing fat on the bones of dead men."

The Canadian Red Cross is working with the American Society in shipping supplies and funds to aid war refugees in Southern Europe; Swedish and British societies are giving assistance in the Baltic countries.

To protect them "in the exercise of their civil rights," special identification cards are being issued to those technically "enemy aliens"—Czechoslovakians and others, who have established their loyalty to Canada.



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## MUSTARD and CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

In spite of the little fracas they're having over in Europe we must be getting back to normal. Yep, the Sino-Japanese war is making the front page again.

According to a German radio newscast, Mr. Hitler promises that some terrible things will happen to the British Navy before the Yuletide bells ring out. Just a few more shocking days to Christmas, so to speak.

### GET BUSY, FOLKS

If you didn't do your Christmas shopping early, as this column advised you to do last August, now is the time to read the advertisements in this issue of *The Western Farm Leader* and get busy.

And that reminds us, that none of our readers sent us that jack rabbit we asked for at Thanksgiving, so will some kindly admirer (sic) try to remember that "it's never too late to send."

### HICK, HOCK, ADOLPH!

Postcard from Knotty Frankie intimates that he's willing to bet that Herr Hitler, no matter how thirsty he is, won't give a Christmas party in a Munich beer cellar.

And after Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, had kissed every member of the staff of Mustard and Cress (ourselves excepted) she murmured softly: "Say boss, it's getting late, so where shall we mistletoe now?"

### NOTE FOR HERE GOEBBELS

If a lot of Nazi leaders had to eat their promises they'd die of indigestion.

Oh, yes, and Mister Goering might just jot down in his memorandum book that when thieves fall out it's time for honest men to fall in.

### THIS IS RIOTOUS

It's quite evident that the students in Czecho-Slovakia don't like the Reich's Prague-matic methods of education.

In spite of the war a lot of people go on living peacefully, but out in Hollywood they continue to get married and divorced.

### TUNE IN, PLEASE

And we'll bet dollars to doughnuts that the guy on the Calgary Milk Council who changed the title "Echoes of the Alps" to "Milk-O" can't even guess why that radio program has lost ninety per cent of its appeal.

Crusty Bill rises to remark that he doesn't care what kind of a car you own, you can't have a blow-out unless you have something to blow in.

### HOLLY-DAY THOUGHT

A kiss under the mistletoe isn't always the berries.

—Thenx to Irene Williams (Ahem!)

London woman told the magistrate that her husband struck her in the eye with a plate because his supper was cold. Just practicing a "blackout" we suppose.

Even at Christmas time down on the farm the whey of the transgressor is sour.

### THIS IS FOWL!

We will not Goebbel Hitler's goose;  
It's simply stuffed with lies and slander.  
A Turkey treat(y) John Bull gave,  
So now we'll eat his propa-gander.

### WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"Halo is what you say when you meet someone."

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, there's one thing that Germany is scheduled soon to discover and that is that you can learn more from defeat than victory.

### ALBERTA LIMERICKS (Paxon)

Now pretty Miss Hopeful of Paxon,  
With complexion as fair as a Saxon;  
Although she's no saint  
She's quit lipstick and paint  
Since the government has put a tax on.

Boy, quick, gimme a sentence using the word antidote. Uncle doesn't like Christmas turkey, but antidotes on it.

### AMBIGUOUS, WHAT?

If a gal marries a doctor she can be well for nothing; but if she marries a minister she can be good for nothing.

The Bad Egg from Crow's Nest just dropped in to tell us that a career for a woman is any kind of a job that doesn't require being married to the boss.

He's wrong, old top, he's wrong. No woman ever was married to the BOSS.  
—Wally, the Incurable bach.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Love-sickness can be cured by marriage.

A hick town is one where every man is a leading citizen.  
—Thenx to J.F., Lethbridge.

Some gals are the picture of health, and by golly, they know how to paint the picture.

WELL, HERE'S THE SKIN  
OFF YOUR ANKLES.



Of a million tons of scrap iron imported last year by Britain from the U.S., some 50,000 tons were re-shipped to Germany, it was reported in the journal of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, in London.

National defence is costing the U.S. \$1 a month for every man, woman and child—\$60 a year for a family of five.

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the East? If it  
is, renew old ties  
during the winter  
season.

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# Roses at Christmas

By BARBARA VILLY CORMACK

MISS SALLY, in charge of the Christmas relief hampers, brought down a pile of flannel night shirts with an emphatic slap, and cast a stony glance at some of her volunteer assistants. One of them had been bold enough to suggest that a little lustrous backed vanity set—sent in as discarded—should be tucked into one of the hampers, preferably for a little girl—perhaps Annie Skinner. "You know my opinion," Miss Sally had remarked icily. "I consider nothing should be given that is not strictly useful."

Young Dr. Clayton, the medical health assistant in charge of relief, thought of the stacks of garments and wished there was more money for some of his more serious patients—Mrs. Skinner, for instance. She was much worse again this winter.

Annie Skinner, meantime, was on her way to the relief department. She was no stranger there—there was hardly one of the workers who had not at some time fallen easy prey to the pleading innocence of those big blue eyes. Each newcomer discovered her afresh—"I've just found the dearest little girl. She was asking for some milk for a brand new baby at their house,"—and only later would it be discovered there was no new baby in the Skinner household. Her crimes as a beggar were numerous. She had been known to pawn good serviceable garments, and treat the family to a grand feed and picture show with the proceeds.

"Not good Christian food either," Miss Sally would snort, "but ice cream, spice meats, olives and such abominations."

Only because of her invalid mother and the child's devoted care of her was she tolerated at all—or so they said. In point of fact, even grim old Miss Sally found the job of resisting Annie a little more than she could manage at times.

This year the sick woman was worse, and Annie was not seen so much about the town. She no longer took the odd job that occasionally fell her way when she had once more evaded the school attendance official.

"I'm ever so sorry not to be able to oblige you," she would say, in that grand manner of hers; "but you see, my mother is seriously ill, and most of my time I'm nursing her. Do you think you'll manage to get somebody else?"

But today she was off duty. She was taking stock of possibilities. Miss Sally nearly fell over her as she was coming out of the door of the relief depot.

"Oh, Miss Sally . . . I was wondering whether I could help at all . . . I mean, to help all the children who have nothing . . . If I could let you know what they really need. . . ." Miss Sally grunted, but Annie was never baffled by a mere grunt. . . . "And I was thinking it was such a shame you ladies having to bother delivering the things . . . and, well,

Miss Sally grunted again, but she went inside and returned with a brown paper parcel.

"There's some stout black stockings for you, Annie . . . better than you deserve I've no doubt . . . but it's no weather to be wandering about without any."

"Oh my, Miss Sally, how wonderful! You sure have got a heart." Annie regarded the package as if it contained all the wealth and beauty of the Indies—and then as the woman went indoors she opened the paper and bestowed an uncompensated grimace—Oh, well, perhaps they'd do for Amelia, or little Freddie.

She showed the stockings to Mama when she got home. It was one of Mama's bad days, when she just dozed off and left everything to Annie—the kids, the collectors, and life in general. "Wake her up, Annie," young Doc Clayton had said, "Talk to her—keep on talking to her, and keep her interested."

The stockings for once did the trick—though they were not admired—"Black cotton's no good—silk stockings you'd oughter have, Annie; that's all yer Pa'd ever see me in—'You got too fine ankles to wear any other kind,' he'd said. That's the kinder man he was. Bring me the most expensive of everything—strawberries out o' season—roses at Christmas time, every year regular—My, I can smell 'em yet . . . Seemed to bring summer right into winter . . . Maybe if I could just smell a rose again . . ."

Two little pink spots appeared in the woman's face . . . Annie glowed with sympathy . . . Christmas roses! Extravagant! Impossible! That was the kind of thing she liked, too . . . not long black serviceable stockings. Nobody would ever feel the cold if they could smell roses at Christmas time.

It was next day that Annie had her great inspiration. She sent the younger children off into the street to play, and waited till Mama fell asleep. Then very gently she bundled up the stockings, picked up the little round purse that she kept hidden underneath the bread box—and stole to the door.

The business transactions that she put through were many and complicated. By a considerable amount of high pressure salesmanship she disposed of the stockings to the girl in the rooms below, for fifty cents. She called on Mrs. Buller down the block and with a great deal of wangling received twenty-five cents in advance—payment for minding her children the following night. Finally, by dint of great good fortune, she encountered Miss Sally, and after further thanks for the black stockings, mentioned that her mother was worse and that Doc Clayton had told her to get a few things—"That ain't no lie," she told herself. "He said to keep her interested, didn't he?" As a matter of fact, Miss Sally has just received a

report on the patient from Dr. Clayton, so Annie went away the richer by another fifty cents, and ran down the street.

She staggered into the flower shop, quite out of breath and the strange loveliness inside almost overpowered her. . . . Almost it seemed as if she must have died. . . . The magic scent of flowers . . . the brilliant colors . . . the delicate wreaths and bouquets. The beauty of it all flowed over her cold, numbed body. . . . The girl at the white counter with the lovely smile. . . . All seemed too good, too perfect.

She went timidly to the counter and emptied the contents of the little round purse upon it. . . . "Roses," she said, still breathlessly. "I want that much roses please."

The girl looked at the shabby little figure kindly. "Roses come rather high just now," she said, "Carnations are cheaper—and they're lovely. . . . Look."

But Annie shook her head. "No," she said. "Roses . . . It's got to be roses . . . Christmas roses." And the girl went to get a wrapping box and papers.

The child ran home as fast as her legs could carry her. There was Christmas excitement in the streets . . . the cheery talk of friends and neighbors meeting somehow in a new atmosphere of goodwill . . . the bell of the Salvation Army worker at the corner with his pot to keep a-boiling . . . the gaily decked windows.

But Annie noticed none of these things. She stole into the room, emptied a little water into a pickle jar and placed the blossoms on the table where Mama's tired eyes should see them the moment they opened.

Deep red beauties they were. The beauty and the fragrance of them almost drugged her—she found herself moving ever more silently. . . . Almost it seemed irreverent to breathe the same air.

Then, everything ready, she sat down on the stool in the corner, dragged little Freddie's sweater over her bare legs, and waited, watching for the miracle to happen.

Mama's eyes, when they opened at last, were hazy. She closed them again at once so that the wonderful dream might not slip away. Then as she began to realize the vision was

real, a flush of excitement stole into her cheeks. She jumped to a conclusion.

"Annie, come quick! See what's come! Yer Pa must've sent 'em—He don't come back, but he don't forget me—That was always his trick—roses, at Christmas—See, Annie!"

And Annie wiped a dirty forefinger beneath her nose—Pa, indeed! When he had left them "flatter'n flat" three times or better. . . . But if Mama wanted it that way. . . . With a little gulp she accepted the idea.

"Sure was swell of him, Mama." Mama could not keep her eyes off those flowers. With their perfume she breathed youth, and happiness, and hope—and chief of all, a dormant self respect that pierced through the dull stupor of her malady. . . . Roses . . . roses at Christmas time.

Young Dr. Clayton called that night, and was amazed at the change in her. "I never knew anyone make such a change in such a short time. The fight's coming our way, Annie girl"—And from his tone Annie knew that for the time being Mama was out of danger.

In the street after his visit the young doctor ran into Miss Sally and told her jubilantly of his patient's progress.

"I thought her game was about up . . . honest I did . . . Just shows what a little kindness will do, Miss Sally." He thought of the many unpaid-for hours he had struggled there, and beamed on the world.

Miss Sally thought of the begrudged fifty cents she had given Annie that very morning, and beamed too—"It's the giving of common sense relief," she told herself.

And Annie, sitting upstairs, her eyes wandering between her mother's face and the flowers, beamed more than both of them put together.

"Anyways," she said to herself, "What does it matter who gave 'em? They did their job—and, in the beginning, God grew 'em."



## Scrambled Word Story

For the Youngest Readers



DIRE  
SHEDIS  
MATRICHS  
LES  
REDNICH  
OHL

It's the day after Kind Michael is giving his little sister Audrey a ride on his new pet of the . . . but she is a little bit frightened, too. The little dog, the . . . is full of delight.

When they come home, Audrey will have a party for Michael and Sport, and will use her new toy (Fill in the gaps with the scrambled words beside the picture).